

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: WA-002106-7

APPLICANT: Earth Tech, Inc. City of Quincy  
P.O. Box 756 P.O. Box 338  
Quincy, WA 98848 Quincy, WA 98848

FACILITY: City of Quincy Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant  
201 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
Quincy, WA 98848

Earth Tech Inc. and the City of Quincy have applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Clean Water Act.

The City of Quincy owns a sequencing batch reactor type of industrial wastewater treatment facility that is separate from its municipal sewerage system. The facility receives process wastewater year around from a potato and vegetable processor. The treated wastewater is disinfected, cooled and re-aerated before discharging to a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation irrigation return flow ditch that is part of the federal Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. The facility is operated by Earth Tech, Inc. under the conditions of an Ecology approved 20 year service agreement that started in October 2000.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of treated industrial wastewater from Quincy Industrial to the Potholes Reservoir via Wasteway DW237, W645W and W645.

A tentative determination has been made to reauthorize this permit based on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/eastern\\_permits.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/eastern_permits.html). The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies please call the permit coordinator at (509) 329-3537, e-mail [cywa461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cywa461@ecy.wa.gov), or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Permit Coordinator  
Department of Ecology  
N. 4601 Monroe  
Spokane, WA 99205

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3537 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.